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Sunday, July 2, 2023
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 10: 40-42



Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation, *** = Song Request

Prelude:

“Hold Strong the Flag of Freedom”

Robert Hughes

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Joyce & Cal Wood, in memory of Kurt Wood.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Linda Hoy in memory of Terry Hoy.

Treats for After Worship Social Time are being provided by Grace Kendall.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints
And children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock
Of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all
God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
Witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy
Ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in
Time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and
Strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the
Stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and
Treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
Laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Apostolic Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Read by Diane Sande

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

******Song of the Day***

“Ancient Words”

Video

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Dan Marth	Beverly Hinders Trost	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer	Ron Hoffman	Ron Venz	Larry Bohner
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Diane Wagener	Arlene Lehs
Vic Dunn	Jeanette Brinkman		

Jamie Carolan & Family with the passing of his grandfather, Bob Freese.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

***Response**

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

“Here Is Bread”

#483

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine
Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us
Break The Bread, Drink The Wine
Christ Is With Us Here
Here Is Grace, Here Is Peace
Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us

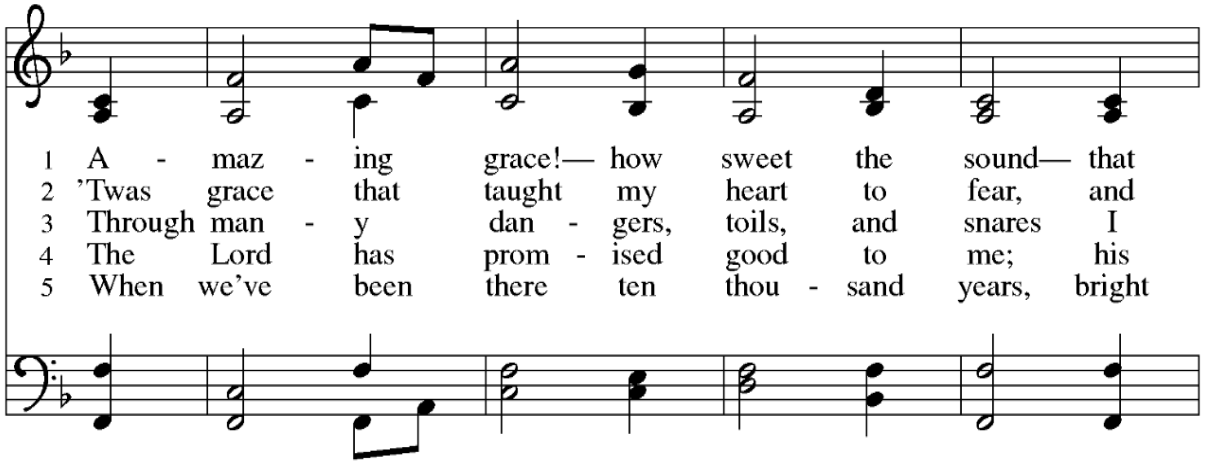
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

#890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

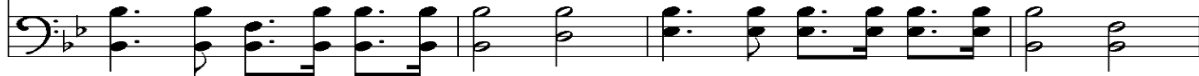


his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“America, America!”

Robert Hughes



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 2--July 9

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Tuesday	Office Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters
Wed-Sun	Youth Mission Trip
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship (Beth) 10:00 a.m. After Worship Social Time

Offering from the week of:

June 25, 2023

General Receipts:	\$4,107.12
Designated:	\$920.00
Total	\$5,027.12

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 152

After Worship Social Time!

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall or Outside each Sunday!

*****Special Note***** We do need volunteers to sign up for bringing treats. There is a Sign-Up sheet by the Narthex doors.



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

St John's Stewardship Board is planning a Reverse Offering for the Blessing Box on July 9...with a return of items on July 16.

Deuteronomy 15:11- "For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'



BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Just a reminder that St. John offers scholarships for all our youth members attending a Christian camp. Scholarships are offered in the amounts of \$25 for a one-day camp, \$50 for camps lasting 2-3 days, and \$150 for camps lasting 4-7 days. Just bring in a copy of your registration to the Business Office for a reimbursement.

Communion announcement:

If you, or someone you know, needs, or would like, home communion visitation, please contact Toni at the church office 641-228-3397. The Homebound Communion Ministry needs volunteers. The sharing of communion takes just a few minutes and keeps us connected to our congregational family.

Thank you,
Brenda de Buhr

Iowa Bishops Ride Against Hunger

The three ELCA bishops in Iowa, including our own Bishop Kevin Jones, are riding in RAGBRAI this year to raise money for ELCA anti-hunger programs. If you would like to contribute to their fundraising efforts for ELCA World Hunger, you can give online at <https://neiasynod.org/2023/05/bishops-ride/>

Checks can be made out to "Northeastern Iowa Synod" and mailed to:
Northeastern Iowa Synod
201 20th St. SW
PO Box 804
Waverly, IA 50677-0804

Please help support St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!! Please contact Whittney or Toni if you are interested.



JULY needs you

Charles City Community Blood Drive
Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City
Friday, July 28
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule

75 YEARS SAVING LIVES
LifeServe
YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

A graphic for a July blood drive. It features a large red blood drop on the left. The word "JULY" is written in large white letters over a background of red and white stripes, with "needs you" in blue cursive below it. Below the graphic is a QR code with "SCAN ME" underneath. To the right of the QR code is the text for the Charles City Community Blood Drive, including the location (Messiah Lutheran Church, 705 3rd Ave. | Charles City) and the date and time (Friday, July 28, 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM). At the bottom, there is contact information: "Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule". On the far left, there is a circular logo for "75 YEARS SAVING LIVES" and the "LifeServe" logo with the tagline "YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS." and a blue and red wavy line at the bottom.

Song Requests

If anyone has a hymn or praise song request over the summer...please write it on the back of your "Attendance" slip and Melanie can incorporate them into the services.

Additionally

If you would like to *provide* any special music over the summer, contact Melanie to discuss it.